

predetermined Internet site, and wherein the file receives information from the predetermined Internet site for defining all or part of an interface object.

86. A method as recited by claim 85, wherein the file periodically causes the Internet browser to establish a link between the computer and the predetermined Internet site and receive additional information from the predetermined Internet site for defining all or part of an interface object.

REMARKS REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

By this supplemental preliminary amendment, applicant has amended claims 54, 62, 65 and 66, and added claims 85 and 86. No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims or by the new claims. Applicant respectfully submits that this supplemental preliminary amendment is proper and should be entered. See, e.g., 37 CFR §§ 1.115(a) 1.104 and MPEP 714.01(e). Page 5 hereof, titled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE APPLICATION, indicates the changes made to the claims in accordance with this supplemental preliminary amendment.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the March 26, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the following inventions:

Invention I recited by claims 1-19, 25-26, 36-45, 47-52, 69-73 and 76;

Invention II recited by claims 20-24;

Invention III recited by claims 27-35, 46 and 75-75; and

Invention IV recited by claims 53-68 and 77-84.

The Examiner has taken the following positions regarding the proposed classification of the four inventions: Invention I is drawn to processing a document and directing a receiving application as to the layout of its content, classified in class 707, subclass 513; Invention II is drawn to information included in embedded links or format codes that direct processes to additional displays, classified in class 707, subclass 501.1; Invention III is drawn to a software-developed control to a user interface, classified in class 345, subclass 826; and Invention IV is drawn to a button array, classified in class 345, subclass 840.

In response to the Examiner's requested election, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute Invention IV, as recited by claims 53-68 and 77-84. Furthermore, Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-52 and 69-76, corresponding to Inventions I, II, and III, without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the prosecution of those Inventions and claims in a further application or applications. Consequently, and upon entry of the supplemental preliminary amendment, claims 53-68 and 77-86 are in the present application.

Early and favorable action in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Any fees or charges required at this time and in connection with the present application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE APPLICATION

54. (Amended) A method as recited by claim 53, wherein the user toolbar ~~comprises~~includes an interface object and is customizable by the user to provide user-selected functionality in the user toolbar.

62. (Amended) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 61, wherein said user toolbar ~~comprises~~includes an interface object and is customizable by the user.

65. (Amended) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 62, wherein said interface object comprises an ActiveX control that enables user customization of said interface object.

66. (Amended) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 62, wherein said interface object comprises a Plug-in control that enables user customization of said interface object.

85. A method as recited by claim 53, wherein the file is caused to open when the Internet browser is activated so as to establish a link between the computer and the predetermined Internet site, and wherein the file receives information from the predetermined Internet site for defining all or part of an interface object.

86. A method as recited by claim 85, wherein the file periodically causes the Internet browser to establish a link between the computer and the predetermined Internet site and receive additional information from the predetermined Internet site for defining all or part of an interface object.